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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-6350

March 6, 2002

The Honorable David M. Walker  
Comptroller General  
General Accounting Office  
441 G Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Walker:

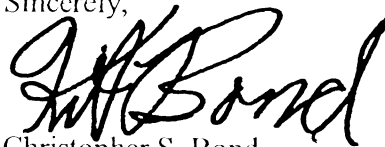
Pursuant to its oversight responsibilities, the Senate Committee on Small Business (Committee) has been reviewing the efforts of the Small Business Administration (SBA) to modernize its information systems.

In July 2000, you and other senior GAO officials testified before the Committee on the performance and management challenges in the effective execution of critical operations and programs of the SBA. In that view, it would be helpful for the Committee to have current information on the challenges influencing SBA's ability to achieve its mission. Specifically, we would like to provide these officials with information on the challenges and issues they will face in managing information technology at SBA and modernizing SBA's information systems.

Accordingly, the Committee is requesting that GAO undertake a review of SBA's actions to improve its management of information technology and modernize its mission critical information systems. In particular, we ask the GAO to identify the status of SBA's actions in implementing the recommendations in your reports on SBA's information technology management (AIMD-00-170, May 31, 2000) and the loan monitoring system (AIMD-00-124, April 25, 2000).

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. As GAO's efforts on this request proceed, please keep the Committee advised of your progress on a regular basis. If you have any questions, or need additional information, please do not hesitate to call me or have your staff contact Paul Conlon or Paul Cooksey, on the Committee staff at (202)224- .

Sincerely,



Christopher S. Bond  
Ranking Member

cc: Joel Willemssen